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TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRONIC

ITEMS IN A NETWORK

ENVIRONMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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